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From: Todd Thorn (ENV) [Todd.Thorn@colvilletribes.com]
Sent: 8/9/2018 5:20:40 PM
To: Wu, Jennifer [Wu.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: NPDES permits for oil and grease on Lower Columbia, Lower Snake, and Grand Coulee

That's great, thank you Jenny,

Todd

From: Wu, Jennifer [mailto:Wu.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2018 10:20 AM
To: Todd Thorn (ENV)
Cc: Gary Passmore (ENV)
Subject: RE: NPDES permits for oil and grease on Lower Columbia, Lower Snake, and Grand Coulee

Hi Todd,

Sure – I can definitely do that. I should have something for you the last week of August or the first week of September before the public comment period. Then we can set up a call to discuss if you have any comments or questions. If there are specific concerns you have that you'd like addressed in the permit, please feel free to let me know, and we can set up a time to talk earlier. Thanks. - Jenny

From: Todd Thorn (ENV) [mailto:Todd.Thorn@colvilletribes.com]
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Subject: RE: NPDES permits for oil and grease on Lower Columbia, Lower Snake, and Grand Coulee

Jenny,

Other EPA permit writers have allowed the Tribe to review and comment on a draft permit before it goes out for public review, presumably because EPA is issuing a permit for discharges into Tribal waters. We would appreciate the opportunity for review and comment prior to public review.

Thanks,

Todd

From: Wu, Jennifer [mailto:Wu.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2018 8:40 AM
To: Todd Thorn (ENV)
Subject: RE: NPDES permits for oil and grease on Lower Columbia, Lower Snake, and Grand Coulee

Sounds good, Todd. I'll be sure to send you a copy of the draft Grand Coulee Permit when we go out for public comment and keep you in the loop on any information/presentation pre-public comment, too.

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To: Wu, Jennifer <Wu.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: NPDES permits for oil and grease on Lower Columbia, Lower Snake, and Grand Coulee

Thanks Jenny, I'll be interested to review the draft permit for Grand Coulee Dam.

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From: Wu, Jennifer [mailto:Wu.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2018 4:56 PM
To: Todd Thorn (ENV)
Subject: FYI: NPDES permits for oil and grease on Lower Columbia, Lower Snake, and Grand Coulee

Hi Todd,

I'm in EPA's NPDES Permits Unit and had worked on the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery permit. I'm now working on permits for the four lower Columbia River dams (Bonneville, The Dalles, John Day, McNary), the four lower Snake River dams (Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose, and Lower Granite), and the Grand Coulee dam. These are permits primarily for oil and grease from facility operations and cooling water in dam operations. The permits do not cover spills over the dam, temperatures from reservoirs spilling into the river, or spill volumes.

I'm writing to let you know that we'll be sending out a letter shortly with more information and also be setting up a call in the next 3-4 weeks where we can share more information on the permits. We plan to public notice them in mid-September and issue them at the end of November 2018. They are likely to be very similar to the draft Idaho General Permit for Hydroelectric Facilities that EPA recently public noticed. These are at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/draft-npdes-general-permit-hydroelectric-generating-facilities-idaho>. The permits will likely include limits and monitoring requirements for oil and grease among other pollutants, focus on best management practices to minimize and control the use of oil and grease, and provide for contingencies if oil and grease are released.

Please feel free to call or email me if you'd like more information. Otherwise, I'll plan on including you on future communications to keep you informed as we move forward.

Sincerely,
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